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SUBJECT: NEW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

REF: GUATEMALA 4005

1. GENERAL FAUSTO DAVID RUBIO CORONADO WAS NAMED MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND SWORN IN BY PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AFTERNOON JULY 29. GENERAL RUBIO SUCCEEDED ROBERTO ZACHRISSON, WHO RESIGNED (REFTEL).

2. COL. ENRIQUE RUATA ASTURIAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDECA, THE GOG'S AGENCY CHARGED WITH SUPPLY OF BASIC GRAINS, WAS HNAMEED ACTING DIRECTOR JULY 29.

3. COMMENT: RUBIO HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE LOW-RISK, LOW-VISIBLITBAJOB AS LAUGERUD'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HIGH-VISIBILITY, HIGH-RISK POSITION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. HIS PERFORMANCE AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WILL HAVE TO BE ADEQUATE OR BETTER FOR HIM TO REMAIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRONT-RUNNER IN 1978 PRESIDENTIAL RACE.

5. RUBIO WAS HARD-WORKING AND ABLE DEFENSE MINISTER WITH
ASTUTE PR SENSE. HIS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE WILL BE
PUT TO THE ACID TEST IN A MINISTRY THAT IS AN ADMINISTRA-
TIVE NIGHTMARE. END COMMENT.
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